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and that the lands hereby granted shall be used by the city of Altus, Oklahoma, only for reservoir or incidental purposes, and if the lands or any part thereof shall be abandoned for such use said lands or such part shall revert to the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to declare such a forfeiture of the grant and to restore such premises to the public domain if at any time he shall determine that the city has for more than one year abandoned the land for the uses herein indicated, and such order of the Secretary shall be final and conclusive and thereupon and thereby said premises shall be restored to the public domain and freed from the operation of this grant.

Reversion for non-uses.

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[H. R. 9346.]
[Public, No. 253.]

**CHAP. 340.**—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the construction of a bridge across the Rio Grande.

Rio Grande.
El Paso Electric Company and El Paso and Juarez Traction Company may bridge, at El Paso, Tex.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the El Paso Electric Company and to the El Paso and Juarez Traction Company, corporations organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Texas, and their successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate an electric street railway, vehicular, and foot bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Rio Grande at a point suitable to the interests of navigation at or near the point where South Santa Fe Street in the city of El Paso crosses the Rio Grande in the county of El Paso, State of Texas (to replace the wooden bridge now operated and used by said El Paso Electric Company and El Paso and Juarez Traction Company as assignees and successors of the Santa Fe Street Railway Company, a corporation, which by Act of Congress, passed and approved September 6, 1888, was granted authority to construct and operate said bridge), in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906, and subject to the conditions and limitations of this Act, such construction to be made only with the consent and approval of the Republic of Mexico.

To replace former bridge.
Vol. 25, p. 457.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Consent of Mexico required.

SEC. 2. That the said El Paso Electric Company and the El Paso and Juarez Traction Company, its successors or assigns, shall, within ninety days after the completion of the bridge constructed under the authority of this Act, file with the Secretary of War an itemized statement under oath showing the actual original cost of such bridge and its approaches and appurtenances, which statement shall include any expenditures actually made for engineering and legal services and any fees, discounts, and other expenditures actually incurred in connection with the financing thereof. Such itemized statements of cost shall be investigated by the Secretary of War at any time within three years after the completion of such bridge, and for that purpose the said El Paso Electric Company and the El Paso and Juarez Traction Company, its successors or assigns, in such manner as may be deemed proper, shall make available and accessible all records connected with the construction and financing of such bridge, and the findings of the Secretary of War as to the actual cost of such bridge shall be made a part of the records of the War Department.

Sworn statement of construction costs, etc., to be filed after completion.

Investigation by Secretary of War.

Findings to be a part of Department records.

SEC. 3. The right to sell, assign, transfer, and mortgage all the rights, powers, and privileges conferred by this Act is hereby granted to the said El Paso Electric Company and to the El Paso and

Right to sell, etc., conferred.

Juarez Traction Company, its successors or assigns, and any corporation to which such rights, powers, and privileges may be sold, assigned, or transferred, or which shall acquire the same by mortgage foreclosure or otherwise, is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise the same as fully as though conferred herein directly upon such corporation.

Amendment.

SEC. 4. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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May 19, 1926.
[H. J. Res. 134.]
[Pub. Res., No. 27.]

**CHAP. 341.**—Joint Resolution Authorizing the Cherokee Indians, the Seminole Indians, the Creek Indians, and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians to prosecute claims, jointly or severally, in one or more petitions, as each of said Indian nations or tribes may elect.

Five Civilized Tribes. Suits of, in Court of Claims, may be brought singly, or separately, on one or more claims.
Vol. 43, p. 27.
Vol. 43, p. 644.
Vol. 43, p. 139.
Vol. 43, p. 537.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act of Congress approved March 19, 1924, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Cherokee Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes"; the Act of Congress approved May 20, 1924, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Seminole Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes"; the Act of Congress approved May 24, 1924, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Creek Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes"; and the Act of Congress approved June 7, 1924, entitled "An Act conferring jurisdiction upon the Court of Claims to hear, examine, adjudicate, and enter judgment in any claims which the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians may have against the United States, and for other purposes," shall be construed to permit each Indian nation or tribe mentioned in said Acts of Congress to prosecute its claims in a single suit or to bring a separate suit on one or more claims as its attorney or attorneys may elect: *Provided*, That the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations or Tribes may jointly or severally prosecute their claims.

*Proviso.*
Choctaws and Chickasaws.

Approved, May 19, 1926.

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May 20, 1926.
[S. 41.]
[Public, No. 254.]

**CHAP. 344.**—An Act To encourage and regulate the use of aircraft in commerce, and for other purposes.

Air Commerce Act of 1926.
Meaning of terms.
"Air commerce."
"Interstate or foreign air commerce."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That as used in this Act, the term "air commerce" means transportation in whole or in part by aircraft of persons or property for hire, navigation of aircraft in furtherance of a business, or navigation of aircraft from one place to another for operation in the conduct of a business. As used in this Act, the term "interstate or foreign air commerce" means air commerce between any State, Territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, and any place outside thereof; or between points within the same State, Territory, or possession, or the District of Columbia, but through the airspace over any place outside thereof; or wholly within the airspace over any Territory or possession or the District of Columbia.